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1. ALTHOUGH YUGOSLAVS TOOK NO OFFICIAL NOTICE OF STRONG
STATEMENT OF CUBAN POSITION NOTED IN REFTEL (AND OTHERWISE
WELL INFORMED NAM DIPLOMATS HERE MAINTAIN IGNORANCE OF ITS
OCCURRENCE), YUGOSLAVS HAVE RESPONDED SHARPLY TO A JULY 6
"PRENSA LATINA" ARTICLE WHICH ACCUSES "CERTAIN THEORETICIANS"
OF PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" BY ATTEMPTING
TO SWAY THE NAM AGAINST THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

2. FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VRHOVEC MET WITH
CUBAN UNDERSECRETARY RICARDO ALARCON JULY 7 TO DISCUSS THE
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UPCOMING BELGRADE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE. DETAILS
OF THE TALK WERE NOT DIVULGED BUT THAT NO MEETING OF THE
MINDS OCCURRED EMERGES UNMISTAKABLY FROM A PROMINENT ARTICLE
SIGNED BY VLADO TESLIC IN "BORBA" JULY 8. AFTER STATING
ONCE AGAIN THAT NAM MOVEMENT WAS FOUNDED ON PRINCIPLES
OF INDEPENDENCE FROM BLOCS AND OPPOSITION TO ALL FORMS
OF FORCE, INTERFERENCE, AND DOMINATION, TESLIC TAKES

"PRENSA LATINA" TO TASK FOR ITS "UNACCEPTABLE STANDS"
AND "INCORRECT" APPROACH TO NAM. HE CHARGES CUBAN VIEWS REFLECT
EITHER MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT, LETTER AND
PRACTICE OF NON ALIGNMENT OR ARE GRIST FOR THE MILLS OF
THOSE SEEKING TO BREAK UP THE NAM. TESLIC DENIES THAT
THOSE WHO STRUGGLE "AGAINST BLOC POLITICS, INTERFERENCE
AND HEGEMONISM" CAN BE QUALIFIED BY THE CUBANS AS "SLAVES
OF IMPERIALISM".

3. IN AN ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE COMMENTING ON UPCOMING
BELGRADE NAM CONFERENCE, "BORBA" EXPRESSES THE CONVICTION
THAT ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE THE MOVEMENT ON IDEOLOGICAL OR
ANY OTHER GROUNDS WILL BE REJECTED AND INTERFERENCE IN
THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS WILL BE CONDEMNED REGARDLESS
OF THE EXCUSE OR THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE INTERFERENCE
COMES.

4. THESE ARE THE MOST EXPLICIT POLEMICE BETWEEN THE
YUGOSLAVS AND CUBANS NOTED TO DATE.
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